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1. MONDAL- TRIP

VP ARRIVED CANBERRA 5/7 FOR TALKS EXPECTED FOCUS ON INFLUX
VIET REFUGEES TO AUSTRALIA/ON BEEF/URANIUM EXPORTS. AP
(CANBERRA) NOTES ARRIVAL COINCIDED W/2 MORE VIET BOATS
CARRYING 70 REFUGEES. SAYS AUSSIES FEAR UNCONTROLLED
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IMMIGRATION COULD SPREAD DISEASES SUCH AS CATTLE VIRUS/
MALARIA/TYPHOID/CHOLERA AND WOULD LIKE US TAKE MORE REFUGEES/
PERSUADE ASIAN COUNTRIES HOLD BOATS HEADED FOR AUSTRALIA
UNTIL TRAVELLING IMMIGRATION TEAMS CAN PROCESS THEM (SUN;
PHINQ W/AP PHOTO AUSSIE FONMIN PEACOCK/MONDALES AT AIRPORT;
NYT RUNS SAME PHOTO).

MONDALE MET W/INDO PRES SUHARTO FOR 2 HRS 5/6, TOLD HIM US
PLEASED BY RELEASE 10,000 POL PRISONERS IN DEC/BY PLEDGE
FREE 9,000 MORE BY '79. SPEAKING W/REPORTERS FOLLOWING MTG,

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VP SAID HE TOLD SUHARTO RECENT GOI ACTIONS ON HUMAN RTS HAD RECEIVED "VERY FAVORABLE REACTION" IN US. SOME SAID HUMAN RTS "TOUCHIEST" ISSUE DISCUSSED DURING INDO STOP OF VP'S TRIP (AP JAKARTA, NYT; WSTAR BOTH 5/7).

ACCORDING WSJ (JAKARTA), MONDALE BROUGHT "POCKETFUL OF PLEASANT SURPRISES" TO INDO, INCL RESOLUTION OF 2 LONG-STANDING BILAT ENERGY-RELATED PROBLEMS. SAID HE ALSO BOLSTERED PROSPECTS FOR MORE US ARMS/ECON ASSISTANCE TO JAKARTA. EMERGING FROM SUHARTO MTG, VP DISCLOSED US ENERGY DEPT HAD APPROVED PRICING FORMULA FOR SALE OF INDO LNG TO WEST COAST/THAT US HAD ISSUED RULING FAVORABLE TO INDO ON TAXATION US OIL COS OPERATING IN INDO. NOTES BOTH QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN BOTTLED UP IN US FOR SOME TIME/THAT IT APPEARED VP'S DIRECT INTERVENTION SECURED FINAL RULING, CALLED "VITAL" FOR INDO'S GAS/OIL INDUSTRY. SAYS TAX RULING WILL SPUR INCREASE OIL EXPLORATION THAT INDO NEEDS TO MAINTAIN FUTURE PROD LEVELS.

IN ECON AREA, VP SIGNED 30-MIL-DOL LOAN FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM/OFFERED GOI ADDITIONAL 50,000 TONS RICE DURING '78 UNDER FOOD FOR PEACE/SAID US WILLING CONSIDER INCREASED AID TO LONG-RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN BEING UNCLASSIFIED

PUT TOGETHER BY WORLD BANK. ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE, MONDALE SAID US "PREPARED TO RESPOND" TO INDO REQUEST FOR SQUADRON OF 16 RECONDITIONED A4 SUBSONIC JETS.

TALKS SEEMED BEAR OUT VP'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN WHICH HE SAID US/INDO SHARE COMMON INTEREST IN ECON DEVELOPMENT TO MAINTAIN STABILITY IN REGION. HE ALSO RENEWED PLEDGE OF COOP W/ASEAN (ARRIVAL COVERED BRIEFLY BY REUTER 5/5; WSTAR/SUN 5/6--ALL JAKARTA).

VP ALSO RENEWED '54 PLEDGE TO HELP DEFEND SEASIA AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AT BANGKOK DEPARTURE CEREMONY--DEFENDING AGAINST SRV CHARGE THURS THAT HIS TRIP SIGNALED NEW US MIL "PLOT" IN REGION (AP JAKARTA, SUN 5/6, NYT 5/7).

AP (CANBERRA) CITES TASS REPORT THAT REAL REASON BEHIND MONDALE TRIP WAS "ATTEMPT TO RESTORE US MILITARY-POLITICAL POSITION" IN REGION. TASS SAID MONDALE TRYING SHORE UP US POSITION WHICH "GREW CONSIDERABLY WEAKER" AS RESULT US FAILURE IN VN (SUN/PHINQ).

ON LAST DAY IN THAILAND, MONDALE VISITED REFUGEE TRANSIT CENTER IN "ONE OF THE MOST MOVING EXPERIENCES" OF TRIP. PLEDGING ACTION/MONEY TO AID REFUGEES, HE SAID "THERE IS NO MORE PROFOUND TEST OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RTS THAN THE WAY WE DEAL WITH THESE PEOPLE." SENIOR

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US OFFICIAL QUOTED AS SAYING MONDALE VISIT TO CAMP "IS GOING TO BRING HIGH-LEVEL FOCUS TO THIS PROBLEM AND GENERATE REAL INTEREST IN THE REFUGEES IN WASHINGTON. TO-DAY THE VICE PRESIDENT HIMSELF GOT INTO THIS...A LEVEL OF

DETAILED KNOWLEDGE PREVIOUSLY RESERVED FOR DESK OFFICERS" (LAWTON, WP BANGKOK; AP, SUN JAKARTA--BOTH 5/6 W/AP PHOTO MONDALES RECEIVING FLOWERS FROM GIRL IN REFUGEE CENTER). WSTAR (5/5) RUNS UPI PHOTO MONDALE W/KRIANGSAK AT BANGKOK
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ARRIVAL CEREMONIES.

2. CHINA

PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCAST DISCLOSES PRC HAS DISCOVERED OIL/NATURAL GAS IN S CHINA SEA/PLANS TURN DEPOSITS INTO MAJOR NEW OIL FIELD. AP (HK 5/6) SAYS DISCOVERY REPRESENTS MAJOR BREAKTHRU IN CHINA'S EFFORT EXPLOIT ITS LARGE OFF-SHORE POTENTIAL. NOTES PEKING IN PAST FEW MONTHS HAS BOUGHT 2 FIXED PLATFORMS FOR OFFSHORE OIL PRODUCTION AND MOVABLE JACK-UP DRILLING RIG FOR EXPLORATION FROM US FIRMS. ALSO CITES REPORTS CHINESE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING FOR LARGE INTEGRATED PRODUCTION/LOGISTICS SYSTEM THAT COULD SUPPLY ENTIRE OFFSHORE OILFIELD (NYT, SUN, WSTAR 5/6).

WP'S POPE (SHANGHAI) REPORTS THOUSANDS OF CHINESE HAVE MOBBED BOOKSTORES TO BUY COPIES OF 35 BOOKS, MOSTLY FOREIGN, THAT HAD BEEN BANNED FOR DECADE.

3. CHINA/KOREA

IN BANQUET SPEECH 5/7, HUA SAID US MUST W/DRAW FROM SK "ALL ITS AGGRESSIVE TROOPS, ARMS AND EQUIPMENT." REITERATED PRC'S SUPPORT FOR "INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION" KOREA/URGED UN COMMAND IN SK BE "PROMPTLY DISBANDED." ACCORDING KCNA, KIM RESPONDED IN BANQUET SPEECH THAT HUA'S VISIT WILL MARK "TURNING POINT" IN STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP/SOLIDARITY BETW NK/PRC (AP, SUN 5/6, W/FRONT-PG UPI FOTO KIM GREETING HUA; WSJ; RODERICK, AP WSTAR 5/7).

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NYT (SEOUL) FINDS NEW CONFRONTATION BETW ROKG/SK'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. ROKG CHARGES CHRISTIAN PROSELYTIZING AMONG POORLY-PAID WORKERS HAS CAUSED INCREASED LABOR UNREST. GOVT REPORTEDLY SEEKING BRAND CHRISTIAN-

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BACKED "URBAN INDUSTRIAL MISSION"--ACTIVIST GROUP SEEKING IMPROVE WORKERS' LOT--AS COMMUNIST-FUNDED/SUBVERSIVE.

SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, US EX-IM BANK TENTATIVELY APPROVES 829.7-MIL-DOL FINANCING FOR 2 SKOREAN NUKE POWER PLANTS (WSJ). SEN STEVENSON (D-ILL),

WHO HAD THREATENED BLOCK LOAN UNLESS SK COOPERATED IN INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL, NOW SAYS HE WILL NOT ATTEMPT PREVENT DEAL (REUTER 5/5).

ROKG SOURCE SAYS CREW KAL JET FORCED DOWN OVER USSR NOT ONLY HAD FAULTY COMPASS BUT WERE ALSO NEGLIGENT IN PERFORMING DUTIES. REPORT DID NOT SAY HOW CREWMEN NEGLECTED DUTIES (AP, WP 5/6).

5. JAPAN

CALIF GOV BROWN SAYS FUKUDA, DURING VISIT, EXPRESSED TO HIM "STRONG INTEREST" IN LOCATING JAPANESE AUTO PLANT IN CALIF (JOC).

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) REPORTS GRADUALLY DECLINING PRICE COMPETITIVENESS JAPANESE AUTOS CAUSING SALES FALL OFF SUBSTANTIALLY IN US MARKET. TREND EXPECTED CONTINUE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

TOSHIBA PLANS MARKET NEW PERSONAL COMPUTERS IN EUR BY 4/79. FIRM REFUSES CONFIRM US COMPETITOR'S REPORT THAT TOSHIBA WILL BEGIN US MARKETING THIS AUGUST
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(SHAFFER, WSJ).

NARITA PROTESTED BY SOME 7,000 DEMONSTRATORS MARCHING THRU TOKYO 5/7. POLICE SAID STONES HURLED AT SECURITY FORCES INJURED 5 POLICEMEN/1 REPORTER (WSJ).

ON RUN OFTEN MADE EMPTY, "SUNBELT DIXIE"--US-OWNED SHIP CHARTERED BY JAPAN--WILL RETURN JAPAN SOON CARRYING 283,000 CASES FLORDIA GRAPEFRUIT/ORANGES (CSM).

JAPAN TRADE CENTER'S EXEC DIRECTOR SUZUKI WRITES NYT BUSINESS EDITOR/COMMENTS ON TREASURY UNDER SEC SOLOMON'S 4/30 ITEM, "WHY AMERICAN EXPORTS HAVE LAGGED." GENERALLY PRAISES COLUMN, BUT FINDS DISTURBING SOLOMON'S STATEMENT THAT JAPANESE MARKET STILL CLOSED TO AMERICANS. SAYS UP TO US BUSINESSMEN MAKE THEIR PLANTS MORE EFFICIENT/BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN ACTIVELY EXPLORING/PRODUCING FOR/WINNING JAPANESE MARKETS

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6. VIETNAM--HUMPHREY/TRUONG TRIAL

EA'S QUINN TESTIFIED IN HUMPHREY-TRUONG ESPIONAGE TRIAL FRI THAT SERIES GOVT MESSAGES ALLEGEDLY TRANSMITTED TO VN COULD AFFECT FON RELS/NATL DEFENSE OF US. ACCORD NYT'S BURNHAM (5/6), HOWEVER, UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION QUINN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT YR AGO HE TOLD DOS SECURITY THAT COMPROMISING OF DOCS WOULD RESULT IN "MINOR OR NO DAMAGE." SAYS QUINN DID NOT EXPLAIN REASONS FOR CHANGE IN POSITION.

WP'S SEABERRY (5/6) NOTES CROSS-EXAMINATION LASTED MORE THAN 4 HRS/QUINN DID NOT RETREAT FROM HIS TESTIMONY THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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100 OR SO DIPLO CABLES IN QUESTION SERIOUSLY BREACHED NATL SECURITY/COMPROMISED SECRET SOURCES/TIPPED OFF VIETS TO US DIPLO STRATEGY. SAYS, UNDER QUESTIONING, QUINN CONCEDED WHAT DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAD BEEN SAYING--THAT INFO IN MOST OF DOCS ALREADY MADE PUBLIC. BUT HE STRESSED THAT DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL VIOLATES AGREEMENTS MADE W/SOURCES WHO PROVIDED INFO/WOULD CAUSE THOSE SOURCES DRY UP. SEABERRY SAYS QUINN EXPLAINED HIS CHANGE OF OPINION BY NOTING THAT ORIGINALLY HE WAS NOT GIVEN ALL DOC; NOW BEING DISCUSSED/THAT HE HAD GIVEN OTHERS ONLY "CUSORY" REVIEW.

IN 2ND DEVELOPMENT FRI, TRUONG'S LAWYERS MADE SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO DISMISS INDICTMENTS BECAUSE OF DISCOVERY THURS NIGHT OF ANALYSIS BY CIA SAYING THAT DECISION TO PROSECUTE 2 MEN "COULD BE A VERY CLOSE CALL." STUDY, DATED MAR 13/ PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED, SAID CASE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PRESENT TO JURY, BUT THAT NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CABLES COULD AT LEAST TENGENTIALLY RELATE TO NATL DEFENSE BY JESUIT (KNOWN FOR METICULOUS/DETERMINED ARGUMENTS IN DEFENSE OWN BELIEFS). JUDGE DID NOT RULE ON MOTION TO DISMISS INDICTMENT AGAINST TRUONG (O'LEARY, WSTAR; NYT--BOTH 5/6).

STAR REPORTS DEFENSE ATTORNEYS EXPECTED MOVE FOR DIRECTED VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL 5/8 AFTER GOVT PRESENTS ITS FINAL WITNESS. SAYS CASE COULD GO TO JURY BY WEDS, BUT IF GUILTY VERDICT FOUND, CASE EXPECTED TO GO TO SUPREME COURT ON ISSUE OF GOVT CONDUCT WARRANTLESS WIRETAPS.

7. VIETNAM

AFP REPORTS SRV CRACKING DOWN ON BLK-MARKETING WHILE INTRODUCING NEW NATL CURRENCY. SAYS POLICE RAIDED HOUSES IN HANOI/CARRIED AWAY CARTONS FULL OUT-OF-DATE MONEY AS WELL AS REFRIGERATORS/MOTOR BIKES/FANS/HI-FIS/OTHER

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LUXURY ITEMS APPARENTLY ACQUIRED ILLEGALLY. SAYS SEARCHERS FOUND 10,000 DOLS IN OLD CURRENCY IN ONE DWELLING WHICH OWNER HAD FAILED EXCHANGE FOR NEW NATL CURRENCY BECAUSE HE COULD NOT PROVE HE HAD EARNED OUT-DATED MONEY LEGALLY (AVERAGE SALARY ONLY 32 DOLS/MONTH) (NYT 5/6).

8. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

UNHCR ANNOUNCES 1,000 VIET REFUGEES NOW IN MALAYSIA WILL BE RESETTLED IN US/FRANCE/AUSTRALIA THIS MONTH (AP KL, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. CHINA

NYT'S SAFIRE MAINTAINS THAT HOW EXPLOIT/WIDEN SINO-SOVIET RIFT OUGHT BE CENTRAL CONCERN OF US DIPLOMACY, BUT CARTER ADMIN HAS SHOWN IT HAS NO HEAD FOR GEOPOLITICS. CONTENDS TENG HSIAO-PING IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING IMPROVING RELS W/SOVIETS, FOR CHINESE IMPRESSED BY EASE WITH WHICH MOSCOW HAS TAKEN OVER AFGHANISTAN--WHICH CARTER ACCEPTS WITHOUT PROTEST. SAYS PRC SEES US RHODESIA POLICY BASED ON FEAR OF WHAT CUBAN MERCENARIES THRUOUT AFRICA MIGHT DO IF COMMUNIST LEADERS NOT PERMITTED TAKE POWER. SEES TENG CHALLENGING HUA SCHOOL OF THOUGHT WHICH CONTENDS US' WEAKENING IS ONLY TEMPORARY. SAYS THIS IS WHY HUA'S NK VISIT WAS SIGNIFICANT--HIS CALL FOR REMOVAL US TROOPS FROM SK MAY NO LONGER BE RITUALISTIC.

ACCORDING SAFIRE, IN RECOGNITION OF DANGER, BR,EZINSKI--

ONLY HAWK IN CARTER AVIARY--HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO PEKING, TO ASSURE TENG FACTION CARTER WILL ONE DAY "TOUGHEN UP IN DEED AS WELL AS WORD." DECLARES NO AMERICAN--NOT CIA, "CERTAINLY NOT" USLO--HAS GOOD SOURCES WITHIN CHINESE LEADERSHIP. CITING HIS OWN SOURCES, SAFIRE ASSERTS PEKING SEES PACIFICISM/PARALYSIS/APPEASEMENT REIGNING IN US, WHILE MOSCOW MOOD HAS NEVER BEEN MORE MILITANT/ CONFIDENT. AND WHILE NO TALK YET OF COMPROMISING W/ SOVIETS, TENG'S FOLLOWERS ARE PRESSING FOR NEW DIPLO OPENING TO ONLY SUPERPOWER WITH WILL TO USE IT.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK 5/7) OBSERVES THAT PEKING, IN EFFORT RESTORE DISCIPLINE/RESPECT FOR CCP LEADERSHIP AFTER DECADE OF TURMOIL, HAS STARTED CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE

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OFFICIAL CORRUPTION/HIGH LIVING/EXTRA-LEGAL DEALS/
PERSECUTION OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. SAYS DISCLOSURE THAT SUCH
THINGS HAPPENING IN CHINA SUGGESTS SERIOUSNESS OF BREAK-

DOWN IN ORDER/OFFICIAL MORALITY, AS PEKING TRIES MOVE
TOWARD GOAL OF MAKING CHINA MODERN INDUSTRIAL NATION BY
2000.

GLOBE (5/5) QUOTES FROM "WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB" PROTEST
AGAINST BRZEZINSKI DECISION NOT HAVE REPORTERS ACCOMPANY
HIM TO PRC. CLUB PRES WM EATON (OF LAT) SAID DECISION
IS MOCKERY OF CARTER CAMPAIGN PROMISES TO END "LONE
RANGER TYPE" DIPLOMACY; URGED BRZEZINSKI RECONSIDER IN
SPIRIT OF PRES' "BELIEF IN OPEN GOVERNMENT." EATON SAID
PROTEST APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY GROUP'S BOARD OF
GOVERNORS.

REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT, IN CHUNGKING, REPORTS CITY, WITH
WET FOG OF WINTER BLOWN AWAY, IS ENJOYING BRIEF RESPITE
BEFORE PLUNGING INTO FURNANCE-LIKE HEAT OF SUMMER. SAYS
CLIMATE MAKES CHUNGKING LEAST APPEALING OF PRC'S MAJOR
CITIES. FINDS IT STILL LOOKS LIKE NATL CAPITAL--GREAT
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BUILDINGS LINE STREETS, GOVT MINISTRIES LOOK PART. NOTES
LIKE CIVIC BOOSTERS ANYWHERE IN WORLD, CHUNGKING OFFICIALS
HAVE LOTS OF GLOWING STATISTICS (SUN).

CANADIAN FREE-LANCER TOM KOCH, WHO HAS SPENT SEVERAL YRS
IN TAIWAN, WRITES SUN (5/7 OP-ED) FROM TAIPEI THAT PLIGHT
OF NATIVE TAIWANESE SIMILAR TO THAT OF BLACK S AFRICANS,
IN VIEW OF SOME, WHO BELIEVE THEY ARE WORKHORSES THAT
POWERED ECON MIRACLE WHICH HAS PASSED THEM BY. FINDS BAR
TO POWER NOT RACE, BUT BIRTHPLACE; POSITIONS OF POWER
HELD BY CHINESE WHO FLED MAINLAND IN '49.

10. CHINA/KOREA

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) CITES ANALYSTS' VIEW OF MOTIVES BEHIND
HUA'S NK VISIT: 1) GAIN INTL VISIBILITY/EXPERIENCE; 2)
COMPETE FOR INFLUENCE IN NK W/USSR; 3) CARVE OUT MORE
ACTIVE PRC ROLE IN DIPLO MANEUVERING DESIGNED SPEED US
TROOP W/DRAWAL SK. ANALYSTS ADD THAT WHILE HUA PUBLICLY
ADVOCATES W/DRAWAL/KOREAN UNIFICATION, PRC REALLY NOT
EAGER SEE US TROOPS LEAVE NOR SEE NK-SK UNIFY; RATHER,
FINDS PRESENT SITUATION EXCELLENT COUNTERBALANCE TO
SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ASIA.

11. JAPAN

WP EDIT REVIEWS FUKUDA MISSION/US-JAPAN TRADE RELS. SAYS
PRINCIPAL RESULT PM'S TRIP IS SERIES OF PLEDGES FOR JAPAN

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RESTRAIN VOLUME CERTAIN KEY GOODS TO US. REMARKS IF JAPAN DIDN'T APPLY SUCH RESTRAINTS NOW ON EXPORTS, IT WOULD RISK PERMANENT RESTRICTIONS BEFORE MUCH LONGER. OPINES

GIVEN THAT CHOICE, FUKUDA HAS TAKEN WISER COURSE.
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SUN EDIT (5/7) NOTES MANSFIELD, TWICE IN PAST 6 MONTHS, HAS WRITTEN ITEMS (PRINTED IN SUN) ABOUT DWINDLING AMERICAN INTEREST IN ASIA. FINDS SECOND COLUMN MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN FIRST. ASSERTS LESSING US-JAPAN TRADE TENSIONS/MORE RAPID PACE TOWARD NORMALIZATION W/PRC/CUR-TAILMENT IN SK THAT WOULD NOT DESTABILIZE WHOLE PENINSULA ALL REQUIRE KIND OF US FOCUS ON ASIA AMB FINDS MISSING. SAYS PERHAPS MANSFIELD SUFFERING FROM "LOCALITIS"--OR PERHAPS AMERICANS SHOULD LISTEN TO HIS WARNINGS NOT NEGLECT ASIA "AS THEY DID NOT LISTEN TO HIS EARLY '60S WARNINGS AGAINST OVER-INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM."

GLOBE EDIT FINDS FUKUDA'S PLANS FOR DEALING W/SURPLUS VIA 3RD WORLD AID PROMISING, BUT SEES CAVEAT IN PROPOSAL: JAPANESE MUST NOT FOLLOW EARLIER PRACTICES/REQUIRE FINANCIAL AID TO OTHER NATIONS BE USED PURCHASE JAPANESE CAPITAL/CONSUMER GOODS. BELIEVES PROBLEMS CREATED BY JAPANESE SURPLUSES CANNOT WAIT FOR LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS. SAYS JAPANESE ABLE HELP SIT'ATION NOW, AND 3RD WORLD IS AVENUE FOR THAT HELP.

LONDON OBSERVER'S MURRAY (GLOBE TOKYO 5/7) NOTES GOJ HAS SPENT 15 MIL DOLS IN SECURING NARITA AIRPORT FROM PROTESTORS. BELIEVES DESPITE ALL SECURITY MEASURES, VIOLENT CONFRONTATION LIKELY ON OPENING DAY, 5/20. STATES EVEN IF AIRPORT DOES OPEN ON SCHEDULE, NUMBER OF AIRLINES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT RADICALS COULD EASILY DISRUPT OPERATIONS/EVEN CREATE MAJOR DISASTER. REMARKS SEVERAL AIRLINES HAVE REPORTEDLY ASKED HOME GOVTS INTERCEDE W/ JAPAN NOT USE AIRPORT UNTIL SECURITY CAN BE FULLY GUARANTEED. - - --

12. MICRONESIA

SUN EDIT (5/6) OPINES SOONER US "CAN GET OUT OF THE
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COLONIALISM BUSINESS THE BETTER FOR EVERYONE." PRAISES RECENT TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON QUALIFIED INDEPENDENCE AS "LONG-SOUGHT STEP" TOWARDS MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENCE.

13. MONDALE TRIP

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NYT'S SMITH SAYS CONCURRENCE MONDALE TRIP/3RD ANNIVERSARY FALL OF SAIGON SERVED UNDERLINE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF TRIP--EXPRESSION OF US INTENT TO REMAIN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MAJOR STRATEGIC/POL/ECON PROBLEMS CONFRONTING ASIA. NOTES MESSAGE HAS BEEN WELCOME IN 3 CAPITALS VISITED SO FAR, WHICH ARE CONCERNED THAT ANY WHOLESALE US ABANDONMENT OF AREA COULD CREATE VACUUM THAT WOULD INVITE SOVIET PENETRATION/INTENSIFIED SOVIET-CHINESE COMPETITION FOR INFLUENCE.

SMITH SAYS THAIS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT VOLITILE INDOCHINA SITUATION WHICH POSES LONG-TERM THREAT TO THAI-LAND. NOTES ASIAN LEADERS HAVE NO ILLUSION ABOUT US FORCES RETURNING TO AREA; INSTEAD, HOPE US WILL MAINTAIN FORCES IN PACIFIC/CONTINUE BE SUPPLIER MIL EQUIP/IMPORTER ASIAN PRODUCTS. NOTES MONDALE ABLE PROVIDE SOME ASSURANCES ON ALL THESE CONCERNS.

14. CAMBODIA

WP OUTLOOK (5/7) RUNS HEMPSTONE SYN COLUMN ON CAMBODIAN HOLOCAUST, NOTING IT'S NOT CHIC TO BE CAMBODIAN/THERE'S NO CAMBODIAN LOBBY IN WASHINGTON/PUBLIC OUTCRY AGAINST THIS GENOCIDE IS NOT DEFEANING. SAYS, "POL POT MAKES CALIGULA LOOK JERRERSONIAN WHEN IT COMES TO HUMAN RTS." ASKS WHERE PRES CARTER WAS FOR LAST YR WHEN CAMBODIANS DYING BY TENS OF THOUSANDS/WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. WILL UNCLASSIFIED

WE NOT TRY TO PERSUADE THOSE W/INFLUENCE OVER CAMBODIA, PARTICULARLY CHINESE, TO URGE CAMBODIANS ALLEVIATE SLAUGHTER?

NOTES SOME AMERICANS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE ENORMITY OF CAMBODIAN DISASTER, BECAUSE SEEMS HAVE SO LITTLE LOGIC BEHIND IT. CALLS ON US DO MORE--SPEAK OUT AGAINST CAMBODIA AT EVERY INTL FORUM/WALK OUT OF UNGA WHEN CAMBODIAN DEL RISES TO SPEAK/PASS MOTION OF PROTEST IN CONGRESS.

15. VIETNAM

WP'S DICKEY SAYS HUMPHREY/TRUONG TRIAL DIMS HOPE OF AMERICANS/VIETS IN US WHO WANT TO GET FAMILIES OUT. SAYS IN '77 DOS CITED UNPRECEDENTED RELEASE HUMPHREY'S FAMILY FROM VN AS RAY OF HOPE FOR OTHERS STILL THERE; SINCE ARREST HUMPHREY/TRUONG AND EXPULSION UN AMB, HO;-EVER, DIPLO RELS HAVE GROWN WORSE. CITES DOS OFFICIALS WHO SAY PERHAPS HUNDREDS VIETS RELATED TO EUROPEANS ALLOWED OUT, BUT NOT THOSE RELATED TO AMERICANS/VIET REFUGEES. THO SUBJECT RAISED AT LAST NEGOT SESSION W/ VIETS, OFFICIALS SAY VIETS WON'T DISCUSS IT UNTIL "AFTER

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NORMALIZATION." SAY VIETS HAVE TOLD SEVERAL FAMILIES THEY CANNOT RELEASE ANYONE UNTIL THERE ARE US DIPLOS IN VN TO ISSUE US VISAS.

16. GENERAL

NYT'S GWERTZMAN (5/7) SAYS DESPITE ADMIN'S SIGNS OF CONCERN FOR ASIA--INCL BRZEZINSKI PRC TRIP/MONDALE TOUR/FUKUDA VISIT--ASIAN DIPLOMATS/EXPERTS REMAIN CONVINCED THIS "FLURRY OF ACTIVITY" NOTHING MORE THAN PR MANEUVER/HOLDING ACTION UNTIL CARTER DEVELOPS COHERENT POLICY FOR ASIA. GWERTZMAN FINDS ADMIN'S TROUBLES IN ASIA AGGRAVATED BY "PROBABLY MISDIRECTED EMPHASIS" ON SKOREAN

TROOP W/DRAWAL/ESTABLISHING DIPLO RELS W/VN. CONCLUDES W/COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY DISCUSSION US POSITION RE JAPAN/PRC/SK/PHILS/SEASIA. VANCE

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